May Day Charge Dropped by U.S.

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At the government's request, charges against Abbie Hoffman that arose out of the May-day antiwar demonstrations here in 1971 were dismissed yesterday by U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith Jr.

A motion filed by the Justice Department said dismissal of the indictment against Hoffman was being sought "in light of the decision in Keith."

This was a reference to a decision handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court June 19 which held that the government could not use wiretaps in "domestic subversion" cases without first obtaining a warrant to do so.

Hoffman had been charged with interfering with law enforcement officers during the demonstration.